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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing a scheme called "Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops/ Sector";
(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with its salient features and the plantation crops covered under the scheme, State-wise and crop-wise;
(c) the details of total funds allocated for this scheme till date along with the funding pattern of the scheme; and
(d) whether the Government has selected any regions/States for implementation of the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)to(d): Department of Commerce has recently approved the pilot Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC) for protecting growers of plantation crops from the twin risks of yield loss due to adverse weather parameters, pest attacks etc and income loss caused by fall in international/domestic prices. RISPC will be implemented on a pilot basis for two years covering tea, coffee, rubber, cardamom and tobacco in nine districts in the States of West Bengal, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu by the Commodity Boards. List of selected districts and area of operation is at Annexure. On the basis of performance of the pilot project, the scheme will be considered for extension to other districts.

Government approved the implementation of pilot RISPC at a likely estimated cost of Rs.168.77 crores, which is proposed to be shared by the Central Government, concerned State Governments and growers in the ratio of 75:15:10. For the year 2017-18, an amount of Rs. 50 lakhs have been initially allocated for implementation of the scheme.

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Annexure
List of 9 Pilot Districts under RISPC

Crop State Pilot Districts No. of growers (having land holding upto 10 ha.) Area covered (ha.)
Rubber Kerala Palakkad 18000 15000
Kerala Kottayam 50000 25000
Total Rubber 68,000 40,000
Tea Tamil Nadu Coonoor (Nilgiris) 38311 27000
West Bengal Jalpaiguri 9000 8000
Assam Golaghat 10044 9224
Total Tea 57355 44224
Coffee (Robusta) Karnataka Chikmagalur
14853 25574
Coffee(Arabica) Karnataka Chikmagalur 45520
Total Coffee 71094
Tobacco Andhra Pradesh
West Godavari 11424 24406
Cardamom (small) Kerala Idukki 25000 28925
Cardamom (large) Sikkim East Sikkim 5200 6204
Total 181832 214853